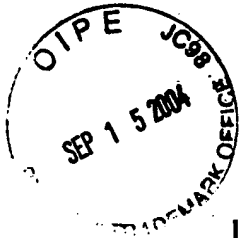


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In re Application of:)
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Ali AMARA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1648
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Serial No.: 10/700,491) Examiner: Stacy Brown Chen
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For: COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING)
DC-SIGN BLOCKERS AND)
METHODS OF USING DC-SIGN)
BLOCKERS FOR PREVENTING)
OR TREATING DISEASES OF A)
MAMMAL, INCLUDING VIRAL)
INFECTIONS)

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated August 23, 2003, the Examiner required
restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups of claims.

- Group I: Claims 1-3, 9-14, 23-30, 38, 39 and 41, allegedly drawn to a method of preventing or treating a disease using a DC-SIGN modulator/blocker that is a derivative of an effector molecule, classified in class 435, subclass 7.2.
- Group II: Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9-20, 23-30, 32-37 and 38-41, allegedly drawn to a method of preventing or treating a disease using a DC-SIGN modulator/blocker that is an antibody, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.
- Group III: Claims 1, 2, 7-14, 21-22 and 23-30, allegedly drawn to a method of preventing or treating a disease using a DC-SIGN